

Crossroads

A black and white photograph of a wooden post with seven directional signs. The signs are arranged vertically and point in different directions. The background shows a dense forest of bare trees, suggesting a winter or late autumn setting. The overall mood is contemplative and suggests a journey or a choice of paths.

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A smaller staff meant sacrifices this spring

By George Spelvin

"This is the smallest staff I have had in the nine years I have been at Mansfield University," Adviser Dan Mason said. "They tackled the job with enthusiasm. With a little guidance from me they created the first Black & White issue of the *Crossroads* since I've been here."

"We sold ads up and down the streets of Mansfield," Ad Manager Jon Ceresini said, "but with this economy, no one was buying. We worked the strip south of town, tried the oil and gas companies and sold ads in Wellsboro."

Gary Warner commutes to Mansfield from Elmira. "I tried selling ads in Elmira, but their economy is no better than Mansfield's," Warner said.

"The University used to seed the class with \$1,000, but reductions in the budget a couple years ago made it imperative that the class pay for the magazine with advertising sales," Mason said. "That wasn't been a problem until this year. This year no one had any money. We appreciate the support from the businesses which did buy ads."

Another challenge was finding a less expensive venue for printing the magazine. When Mason started teaching the class, the magazine was printed in Elmira. "We got 1,000 copies of the *Crossroads* and paid about \$2,200. When they cut the subsidy for the class, an enterprising student looked on the Internet and found another printing company."

The Printing House has printed the last five issues of the *Crossroads*. The pages are an eighth of an inch shorter and narrower than the old *Crossroads*, but the price is definitely right. "We get 3,000 copies of the magazine for about half the price we paid for 1,000 copies printed locally," Mason said.

"We intended to continue printing the *Crossroads* as the last several staffs have, with half the pages and the cover in color," Editor Alyssa Pagano said. "We spent extra time selling ads, but there weren't enough people in the area buying. Instead of cutting quality, we cut out the color pages."


"The layout doesn't depend on color," Jelaina Jones, Layout editor, said. "Having color pictures or a color headline give the magazine a little something extra, but the important part is getting good stories that are told well."

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From the Editor,

In just one year, Mansfield University has lost faculty, removed programs, torn down buildings, built new buildings, given students hope, taken it away, and in turn, ignited a looming uncertainty over those who attend and work here. Everything we thought we knew is no more, which is why the theme of this issue is change. These stories we have published will serve as a timeline for students, staff and community members of Mansfield to look back on all that has happened. The fault lines that run through this time of transition penetrate deeply into our lives - the foundations of the future seem shaky and unreliable. For some, this creates an urge to leave before the situation gets worse, but there are others who are energized by these troubling times, who are responding in such a way that gives me hope. Whether or not they are conscious of the connections, the students, staff and administration of Mansfield University are creating new ways of living, working, and interrelating. These solutions will integrate self and community within a newfound awareness of the sacredness of our education. This creative process is happening now within every PASSHE school. Whether it is through protest, tuition increase or a new dorm arrangement, change is unavoidable. The first step toward overcoming change is awareness, the second, acceptance, and the third, to embrace it. So turn the next page, reflect on this past year, and look forward to what the future may bring.

Thanks for reading,

Alyssa Pagano
 Editor of the Crossroads
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Mansfield overwhelmed by another monetary crisis – colossal effects are to be expected

Eight months ago Mansfield University was told that at least seven professors were going to be eliminated and two programs would be placed in moratorium. Although University President Maravene Loeshcke warned that it could get worse, students didn't expect it would happen so soon.

By Alyssa Pagano

Students of Mansfield University are now facing a 33-percent tuition increase in the next academic year if a proposed state budget takes effect.

Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Corbett announced on Jan. 8 that his proposed budget for the coming year would decrease state funding for the 14 PASSHE (Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education) universities, plus four other universities, by 52 percent. Mansfield workers who recalculated the reduction said it actually amounted to 54 percent, and that Mansfield is facing a reduction that would total over \$9 million, half of the estimated \$18 million received annually from state appropriations.

In addition, the budget cut would:

- * Cause a 33-percent tuition increase.
- * Result in larger classes, fewer professors and less course offerings.
- * Reduce the amount of programs offered by Residence Life, Student Activities, and Student Government

On Tuesday, March 22, students, teachers, and community members of Mansfield met on University grounds to rally Governor Corbett's proposed budget.

"[The budget cut] will truly eviscerate our ability to do our jobs," said Lee Wright. Wright serves as public relations representative for the university's chapter of the Association of Pennsylvania State College and University Faculties (APSCUF). "To compensate, we will have to raise tuition by some 33 percent. We serve moderate-income and low-income students. They cannot afford that."

Dustin Godtfring is History Education major who transferred to Mansfield University at the beginning of the spring

semester. Godtfring, a sophomore said that he feels he came to Mansfield "right in the thick of things" but would not be able to avoid a budget issue no matter what college he attends. His major concern is the 33 percent increase that Wright mentioned during the rally on March 22.

"I understand that the cuts have to happen. I don't like how high they are. As far as it affects Mansfield, I obviously disagree, but I have to pay it to get my education. No matter what school I go

"The welfare of the students is all we care about. What is going to happen to the students?"

to, there would be a tuition increase," he said. "That's the problem with this situation. It's a catch 22. I have to go to school, so I have no choice but to pay whatever price the tuition will cost. I'd like to see our tuition limited to a certain price but I understand that the state is in a deficit. How can they find a middle ground?"

Loeshcke was the second person to speak at the rally.

"This is about one thing and one thing only," she said. "Students. The welfare of students is all we care about. What is going to happen to the students?"

Micah Moyer represents the students who are worried about the possibility of larger classes, less course offerings, and fewer teachers. He is also a sophomore.

"I don't think larger classes would be a big deal because the current class size is not that big, so adding a few more students would not make a difference."

An education major, two of the classes he was planning on taking will not be offered for another year.

"It does concern me that a lot of the classes I need for my major are going to be offered further and further away. Some of my courses are being offered every three semesters, or every other year, and I think that it will result in a race for students to get into their courses, which would call for larger classes so everyone could stay on track to graduate on time," Moyer said. "My biggest fear is that I will have to stay an extra year, which would take a toll on my wallet, especially with the increase of tuition and housing."

"This harms you greatly," said Loeshcke. "This cannot -- absolutely cannot -- happen to your futures."

The last concern that was addressed at the rally was the possibility that the amount of programs for students would be cut as well.

"We will stand strong. We will still offer the same types and same amount of programs to students and the community," said Kris Dumschat. Dumschat spoke in place of Student Government President Will Brown at the University rally. Dumschat is the president of the Committee on Finance and treasurer of the SGA.

Although Dumschat was referring to SGA promoted activities, this caused thought toward other activities on campus promoted by organizations such as Residence Life and Student Activities. Some students agree that they would rather see programs lost than tuition increased, if some programs do not get a large gathering. Mason Teribury, a junior at Mansfield University, represents this group.

"Student Activities are important. They give students something to do and could keep them out of trouble," he said. "However I think we need to look at what activities are actually being attended and which ones are not and work from there."

The effects of the budget cut will still be undetermined until next year.

Increasing poverty is an issue more serious than most realize

The Eastside Farmers Market of Elmira, NY, is determined to make a difference

By Gary Warner

The poverty line in America today is viewed through a lens of contextual relevance that often creates confusion.

The reality is that in America today a worker earning the federal minimum wage earns approximately \$14,500 yearly. The "official" poverty line for a family of three (two parents, one child) is \$17,285. At some point in their lives more than 51% of Americans will do so prior to the age of 65. According to U.S. Census Bureau officials there have never been more Americans living in poverty since they began recording poverty statistics.

This lack of income has the net effect forcing low income families to spend an increasing percentage of their income on food. It is commonplace for those in poverty to have to choose between the necessities of life and proper nutrition. Racial and ethnic minorities are far more likely to experience this. Some groups

(African and Latin Americans) have poverty rates in excess of 25%. Children under the age of eighteen are at a 20% poverty level.

In a targeted effort to attack the poverty issue on a local level, the Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) program has developed the Eastside Farmers Market in Elmira. It has effectively provided an easily accessible source of fresh, locally produced and nutritious foods since 2007. Fruits, vegetables and baked goods at reasonable prices are the common fare. Herbs, Jellies and Maple products are also available. A variety of prepared foods can be found as well.

The location of the market is 760 Water Street on the east side of Elmira. It is adjacent to the Riverview Holiday Inn and has the Chemung River in the background. The market is open for business on Fridays from mid-June to mid-October, 3 - 6p.m.

"We were attempting to provide convenience in the form of location and

time," Corning Community College professor Sky Moss said.

The market is conveniently located in close proximity to predominantly lower income areas of the city.

Accessibility was also a critical factor in determining the physical location of the market. "Our goal was to locate the market where it would impact the greatest number of low income families," "We located it across from Heritage Park (formerly Dewittsburgh) to make it accessible to the senior center and housing projects," Moss said.

Vendors at the market accept Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly food stamps) funds, Farmers Market coupons for seniors, WIC fruit and vegetable checks as well as credit and debit cards. The acceptance of these alternate forms of payment is an ongoing effort to increase the use of available government programs.

The retrenchment list from the fall semester has changed; students now unaware of who is going

By Alyssa Pagano

Retrenchment has become a word all too familiar with the students and faculty of Mansfield University.

After a year of announcements concerning the possibility of faculty retrenchments, the University is now coping with the reality of staff elimination and budget issues within the PASSHE (Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education) institutes.

On September 21, President Maravene Loeschke had informed students that 11 faculty members were possibly facing retrenchment but this has since been reduced to seven. Each member had received a letter informing them of their position possibly being eliminated.

One of the main causes of retrenchment, as Loeschke states, is the five per-

cent increase of student enrollment last year, whereas this year it had been reduced to nearly three percent.

With the retrenchment in effect, the French and German programs of the Language department, along with the Physics department, will be placed in moratorium, a delay for all future freshmen.

"On July 1, 2011, a couple of different variables will be coming together in a perfect storm. We needed to plan for that as best we could," Loeschke said.

That "perfect storm" that Loeschke was referring to in the September forum is the official deadline for PASSHE institutes to uphold an absolute balanced budget. Mansfield University, along with the 13 other PASSHE institutes, are controlled by a board of governors in Harrisburg who oversee every matter per-

taining to the schools.

Despite having already taken measures to cut the University's budget, there are still 1.2 million dollars that need to be taken out. Four years ago when the budget cuts began, Division II football was the first to be cut, which in itself cost 1.2 million. This budget cut is entirely different from the State budget cuts which have been proposed by Governor Corbett just a few months ago.

"There are a number of staff positions that are vacant but we have filled them with a smaller amount of pay," Loeschke said. "Our greatest fear is that it could get worse."

Since the two forums that Loeschke has conducted, the list of retrenched teachers has been altered and is currently being deliberated. It is unknown when the students will be informed.

Retrenchment causes loss of important programs

By Caitlin George

The recent downturn in the economy has been the catalyst of many issues, one in particular being the loss of Professor Michael Crum and the theatre program of Mansfield University.

The university had no choice but to turn to retrenchment this September. The administration at Mansfield first proposed cutting 11 faculty positions but only ended up having to cut five due to changes in pay or early retirement of staff.

Crum was not one who made the cut.

These staff eliminations were made in anticipation for the Pennsylvania budget. The proposed budget has a 50% decrease in the funding to the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) which includes Mansfield University. The state aid Mansfield receives makes up about 30 % of the university's budget.

"It would take substantial increases in tuition as well as other cuts to make

up the budget gap," Dr. Keller said. Dr. Keller is the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Mansfield.

Smaller Mansfield programs have also started being cut because of an initiative PASSHE started to close programs with a low graduation rate. They considered any program with an average graduation rate of less than six students a year low. The Theatre Major at Mansfield University was closed over six years ago and in response to the budget problems the remainder of the Theatre program, including Professor Crum, who was the last theatre faculty member.

"We're trying to make cuts that will impact students the least."

Crum has been responsible for directing Mansfield University's major productions including most recently "The Drowsy Chaperone." Professor Crum teaches courses in technical theatre, design, management, musical theatre and production.

"I've enjoyed working here," Crum said "that's why I stayed here 27 years."

Amy Louise Forthecure feels that cutting the theatre program is a larger impact on students than administrators think. Forthecure is heavily involved with the fight to save the theatre program. Forthecure graduated from Mansfield University in the Spring of 1993 with a BSE in Education and a minor in Theatre. "As a classroom teacher I use my theater skills daily" Forthecure said, "Working on the shows increased my confidence and my leadership skills." She has promoted her cause to save the Theatre program to other alumni through Facebook and has been strongly encouraging everyone, students and alumni, to write to their legislator and ask them not to approve the cuts.

The future of the theatre program is unclear, but for now it's gone.

"I hope someday Mansfield can have a theatre program again" Dr. Keller said "It is unfortunate that we do not have the resources to maintain a program such as Theatre."

Are the affects of hunger in America going unnoticed? You decide.

By Gary Warner

We have all heard the term "hunger".

Many do not fully understand hunger nor do they realize the degree to which it exists in this country. Most associate it with a bygone era or another culture in a distant land.

Hunger is defined by the USDA to mean "The uneasy or painful sensation caused by lack of food." The Committee on National Statistics of the National Academies feels the level of the discomfort experienced must exceed uneasiness to be categorized as hunger.

These sorts of disagreements on the definition of the basic terminology that describes the experience of hunger make it difficult to identify individuals who are experiencing it.

However, a lack of food is being experienced by an increasing number of Americans.

According to the USDA, Food Security is a function of each member of a

household having access to enough food to lead a healthy, active life and being able to acquire this food in a socially acceptable manner.

Hunger is directly related to what has been termed as "Food Insecurity," a "Limited or uncertain availability of nutritionally adequate and safe foods or the uncertain ability to acquire acceptable foods in socially acceptable ways."

A study conducted by the Pennsylvania Hunger Action Center in 2010 shows more than 16 percent of the state's population experienced a lack of funds to buy food during the previous twelve months. USDA guidelines says they were experiencing Food Insecurity.

One in six Americans are food insecure. That is more than 50 million Americans (16.6 percent). This group includes one in four children in America.

Households that experienced low or very low food security have worried food would run out, did not have enough food, or could not afford a balanced meal.

The Federal Government addresses the issue of hunger in a variety of ways. One approach is the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly called the food stamp program.

According to USDA documents more than 40 million Americans are assisted by this program on a monthly basis.

In Pennsylvania, 76 percent of those eligible for SNAP are currently enrolled in the program. This includes more than 500,000 children.

In addition to these efforts by the U.S. government, the Feeding America Network provides additional assistance in maintaining food security for 37 million people in this country.

Of this number, 70 percent of the households served live below the federal poverty line. Thirty six percent of these households have one or more adults who are working, but the average monthly household income is less than \$1,000.

This problem confronts members of every community in the United States.

Your Campus News Now online

After many attempts, Derek Witucki, Editor in Chief of the Flashlight, has made it possible for students to access the University's newspaper online with the click of a button and discusses his future plans to make the new and improved Flashlight more tech-saavy.

By Derek Witucki
Editor in Chief of the Flashlight

We have all heard it; the adage that if you want something done, then you have to do it yourself. Such has been process of bringing The Flashlight online.

In early April, The Flashlight officially launched the web-site and are actively seeking feedback. The site, www.The-Flashlight.com, fully integrates with Facebook for easy commenting on articles. In the future, we are looking at adding a Facebook/Twitter style discussion portion of the site, but it poses a couple technical problems that need to be overcome first.

Don't be surprised if the site changes as I optimize the web-site for The Flashlight's audience. Especially those using the mobile version, because—although functional and minimalistic enough to not run up your data usage—the mobile site doesn't fit the theme of the rest of The Flashlight.

We're also working with Google to meet the technical requirements to be included in Google News listings. Google is apparently eager to have original, full text news content for our area.

That's right; full text articles which the local newspaper, The Wellsboro Gazette, does not provide on their site. Our website will not solely exist to point people to the print edition or to function as a

week or month delayed news archive. In fact, the website already has content not found in the print edition and will be an outlet for breaking news as it happens.

The newspaper you are reading now will still be around because the print format is far from dead in even in the most tech-savvy areas, but as The Flashlight staff becomes more familiar with dealing with the two formats, there will be even more unique content for both that merge breaking news reports with analysis. What this means for our readers is that there will be a shift from predominantly one-time stories to story series that cover events as they progress over time.

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tent presence. The important news will
outlive the physical paper, so people can
later search the history of topics as they
become relevant.

Creating a website has been the bane of several generations of Flashlight editors. It has almost existed a couple times since I've been a student. An attempt at building a website with College Publisher, a company for targeting student newspapers, under Laura Hall and Rebekah Brown was a particularly bad failed attempt. (Fortunately it fell through, because after the fact The Flashlight staff learned from other student papers that the company's "free" hosting, setup, and management only meant free if you drove enough traffic to the website for their advertising to make enough money—which is hard to do at a small university.)

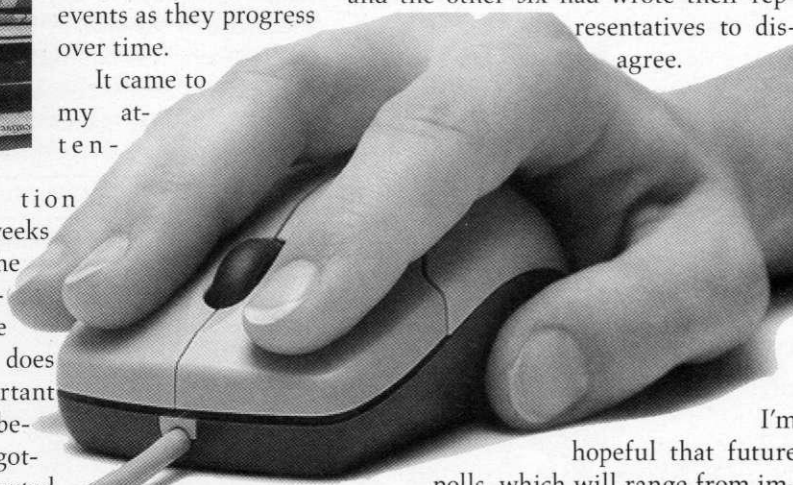
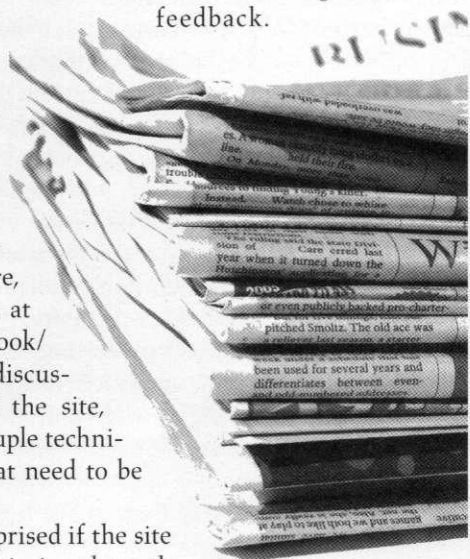
We tried different companies and solicited computer science majors, but again the solution was to look at who we already had.

I took on building the website myself against my better judgment and lost nearly all of my free time, but the results have been rewarding. Already the site has seen traffic that has increased 50 percent twice a day, every day since the site was launched.

The polls are particularly exciting for me and I look forward to seeing how people respond to the questions. The first poll was about Governor Corbett's budget cuts, and of the 13 people who responded, seven disagreed with the cuts and the other six had wrote their representatives to disagree.

I'm
hopeful that future
polls, which will range from im-
portant to fun and light-hearted topics,
will draw more responses from people
as the awareness of The-Flashlight.com
increases.

Also take the time to give us your
comments and criticism, because we'll
need that feedback moving forward



New housing options bring Mansfield University to 21st Century

by Patty Mitchell

Mansfield University students will have four new housing options in spring 2012.

The current housing is available in Cedarcrest, Laurel and Maple Manors. Pinecrest is reserved for the Greek community.

The current housing will still be offered for students in spring 2012, excluding Cedarcrest. "The new suites and semi-suites are not for everyone because of the price. It's good that Mansfield will still be offering old housing," junior Hope Jennings, Music Education major, said.

Even though the suites will include kitchenettes, meal plans are required for all on-campus residents.

Because of the new housing coming next spring, there will be many changes to the Fall 2011 living arrangements. For example, Maple is currently all freshmen. Next fall Maple A will be for upper-class students.

Currently Cedarcrest is currently just for upper-class students. Next fall only the fifth and sixth floor of Cedarcrest A will be reserved for upper-class students. The first, second, third, and fourth floor will be reserved for incoming freshmen. The first and second floor of Cedarcrest B will be reserved for upper-class students.

The fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh floor in Laurel A will also be reserved for upper-class students. Also, Laurel A fourth floor is changing from a male floor to female. The first floor in Laurel B will be reserved for female upper-class students.

Because Cedarcrest will be closed in January 2012, any student who chooses to live in Cedarcrest in fall 2011 will be obliged to live in the new suites in spring 2012.

Greek students will be moving to Laurel B, floors two, three, and four.

The second floor of Laurel A will be reserved for male international students, independent students, and stay-over athletes. The third floor of Laurel B will be reserved for female international students, independent students, and stay-over athletes.

The new housing is provided by Mansfield Auxiliary Corporation (MAC). MAC is a 501c3 corporation, a nontaxed, charitable corporation. According to David Cummings, the Chairman of the project, WTW Architects worked with Mansfield to design the suites and MAC approved the design. MAC is leasing the land from the university. Once the building is done, MAC will lease the new building back to Mansfield University. Students will pay rent and fees, which will be paid to MAC. In short, MAC is paying for the project with student rent.

MAC and Mansfield's had hoped to complete the new housing by fall 2011, Cummings explained. Mansfield started planning the new suites in summer, 2010. Within six months Mansfield did the preliminary work. The only problem was getting all the financing in order. It took them longer than planned, according to Cummings.

The new housing costs close to 38 million dollars. Cummings explained that the new dorms and Mansfield's operating budget are completely separate entities. "Mansfield's budget is not affected by the new dorms. That's why it is still happening," Cummings said.

All the beds, desks, and dressers from Cedarcrest will be moved to the new building. Charles Colby, Associate Vice President of Residence Life, explained that Mansfield is doing this because the furniture is only a couple years old and it will help make the new housing more

affordable for students. Even though the new suites will have used furniture, the cost of the new housing will be higher than the current housing.

Freshman Jason Easter feels that the new housing has its positives and negatives. He feels that the new housing will be a lot nicer and there will be more interaction, but the downside is the increase in price. "Some students struggle to pay for housing now. How can they pay for the new housing?" Easter said.

Sophomore Bridget Whalen explained that the new dorms are too much financially. "They're going to be really nice, but they're too expensive," Whalen said.

Hope Jennings believes that the dorms are worth the extra cost. "It's worth the extra money, especially when every suite and semi-suite has its own bathroom," Jennings said.

"I'm happy about the new housing. I like that there will be controllable central air because our current dorms are ridiculously hot. Also, I like that there will be extra space for privacy," sophomore Carly Wood said.

The new housing will help improve Mansfield's image, according to Dennis Miller, Public Relations Director for Mansfield University. It will help improve education and recreation. There will be more independent living, more privacy to study, and there will be a central area for students to study and hang out.

Terry Day, Public Relations Assistant

Current housing options			
Option 1	Standard double room	2 beds, 2 students	\$2,513
Option 2	Single-double room	2 beds, 1 student	\$3,518
Option 3	Single room	1 bed, 1 student	\$2,975
Option 4	Deluxe double room	2 rooms, 2 students, private bath	\$3,769

New housing options			
Option 1	2 person semi-suite	1 bed room, bathroom	\$3,477
Option 2	2 person semi-suite	2 bed rooms, bathroom	\$3,728
Option 3	4 person suite	2 bed rooms, living room, kitchenette, 2 bathrooms	\$3,597
Option 4	4 person suite	4 bed rooms, living room, kitchenette, 2 bathrooms	\$3,849

for Mansfield University, explained that the new suites and semi-suites will improve Mansfield's image because this is a competitive situation against other schools. "The new suites will improve Mansfield's image because what is being built is state of the art," Day said.

There will be plenty of updated amenities including individually controlled air condition and heating, cable TV, laundry facilities on each floor, individual bathrooms, kitchens, study lounges, a recreational room with a large screen TV and technology that allows students and/or academic presentations in the living area, high-speed wired and wireless internet connectivity, carpeted bedroom and living areas,

parking near the building, plenty of private room options, coed housing in every other unit, and one-card security access and entry door camera.

According to Colby, the new suites will actually encourage prospective students to come to Mansfield. He explained that the tuition is the same at all PASSHE schools, so the new dorms will encourage prospective students to choose Mansfield rather than a school with the same tuition and old housing. The new

suites and semi-suites will encourage students to come to Mansfield because Mansfield listens to student wants. The

ity. Mansfield needs dorms that are more energy efficient.

"Mansfield needed new dorms because all of the current halls are out of date. Mansfield could use a new building. It will be appealing to prospective students," Carly Wood said.

Dennis Miller explained that some of our dorms date back to the 19th century. The new dorms will bring one aspect of the campus to the 21st century. "It's pretty exciting. The first students to live in the new suites will be living in the newest suites in the United States of America," Miller said.

This will not be Mansfield's only new housing, accord-

ing to Colby. This is actually only phase I out of three phases. The university will start planning for phase II this upcoming June. Phase II will be where Cedarcrest is currently located. The university will use the student's feedback on the new suites next spring to plan out phase II and phase III, explained Colby. The university will build more room types that students enjoyed the most from phase I in phase II. "Using surveys, focus groups, and feedback is critical to everything that we do," Colby said.



Photo provided by Residence Life Website

Shown above is an artists rendering of what the completed dorms should look like. The buildings should be ready to live in by the end of the fall semester of 2011.

number one demand from students is privacy. So, Mansfield listened and took action. "Everything we do is student satisfaction orientated," Colby said. Colby emphasizes that all decisions are based on students wants, because students are paying.

Mansfield University's most recent dorms, Cedarcrest, were built in the late 60's and early 70's. Mansfield definitely needed new dorms Colby said. "Our existing halls are well maintained, but old." Cedarcrest is running on electric-

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Jarrold York opens Yorkholo Brewing Company on Main Street



Local bluegrass band, Grass Stained Genes, plays at Yorkholo's Grand Opening. Yorkholo has music almost every week.

By Jon Ceresini

The Yorkholo Brewing Company is the newest edition to the landscape of Mansfield's main street storefront. Located at 19 North Main Street, it is within walking distance of the University.

"It is not just a typical bar," Jarrod York said. York is the co-owner of the Yorkholo Brewing Company. At first when people hear brewery, a lot of people do not want another bar in town. We are going to have a lot of live music, so people who are not 21 can be here. They can't drink, but they can hang out and come see the live shows instead of getting kicked out like at a regular bar."

York named the brewery for his family's dairy farm, the Yorkholo Dairy farm. Yorkholo is short for York Hollow because when the dairy farm was established there were restrictions about how many letters could be in the name.

York's mother owned a hair salon at the location. It was her idea to put the brewpub in the building after she moved her salon. Brewpub is an industry term used to describe a brewery that serves food to its patrons rather than just beer.

The building is brick with a wood in-

terior, with wooden floors and a wooden bar. York uncovered some original wallpaper and exposed some brick walls while working to get the building prepared for opening. The building, according to one of the bartenders, dates to the 1870s.

Downstairs are the inner workings of the brewery. York hangs out downstairs in the cooler where the beer is stored to get it ready to put in kegs. The fermenting tanks, where the beer ages, are also downstairs.

Before he started brewing, York stud-

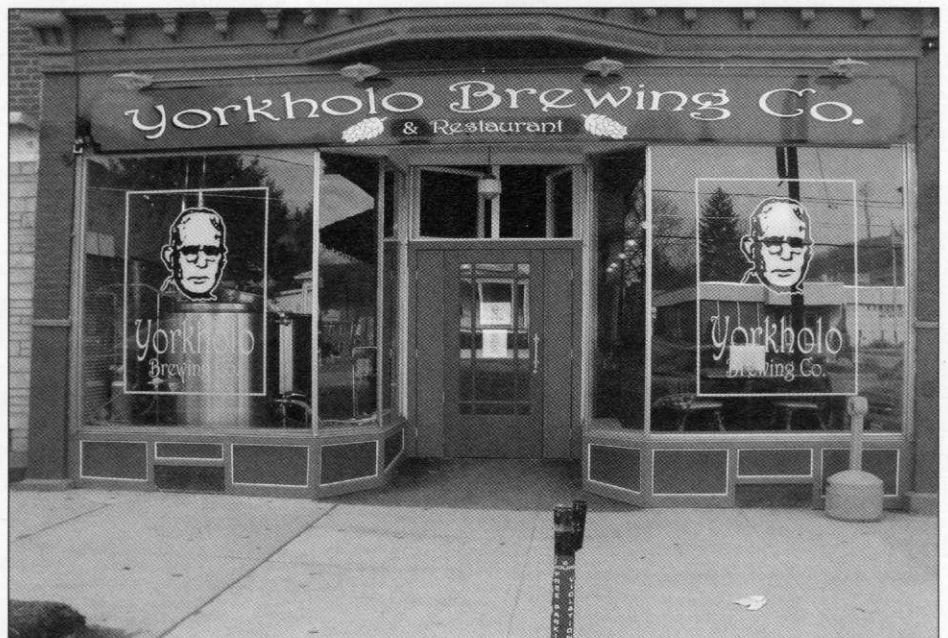


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Jarrold York, co-owner and brew master of the Yorkholo Brewing Company, is working on brewing a fresh batch of beer and cleaning the tanks. York got his start at the Ithaca Brewing Company.

ied Environmental Biology at Mansfield University. After college, he was called to Iraq for a year. "After I came back my view on life and everything was different. I was not sure what I was going to do," York said. "I started home brewing and started researching it. I really liked what I saw."

In the course of their business, York and his brewmeisters have produced several different beers. Due to demand for the beer and their limited stock, their kegs run dry every couple of days.

Along with beer, Yorkholo is making root beer, birch beer and cream soda.

"A lot of breweries are all about local food and grain. Some breweries have gone green. Full Sail Brewing in Hood

River, Oregon, won an award for being environmentally friendly," York said.

The Yorkholo brewery has also taken up a green initiative. Their plan is to serve local beef in their burgers and all organic food. They also are recycling and composting what they use in the brewing process. "The malt from brewing the beer will be used for compost, cow feed, and in our freshly baked bread as well as our veggie burgers."

In addition to making food and beer, the Yorkholo Brewing Company has started a mug club. Mug club members pay an annual fee when they join. They get a custom-made mug, a 64-ounce refillable jug called a growler, a bumper

sticker, a T-shirt and discounts on beer and cover charges to music events at the brewery.

"A lot of people will like what we are doing," York said. "I hope it draws a lot of people."

"We could not have done this without the community's help. We were planning on opening but were so far behind and a lot of family and friends came to help cleaning, people out front scrubbed the windows, we could not have opened without them."

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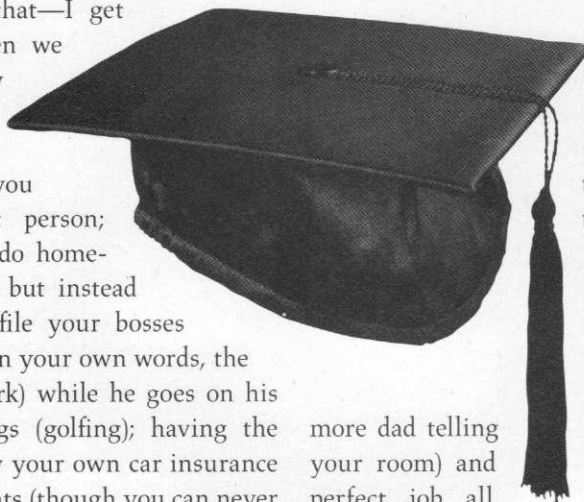
One Sentence Stories from the Spring of 2011

By Mark Doherty

Here's what students look forward to after graduating from college and while continuing their lives outside their parent's protective bubble: having those feelings of being self-reliant and able to move out of your parent's house (even if you are pushing thirty and playing Dungeons and Dragons); having the chance to do job-searching in those old town newspaper ads and finding that perfect job; having to switch from surviving on the off-brand cereal or ramen noodles you been eating for four years to eating name brand cereals such as Raisin Bran and Kraft Mac and Cheese due to the US economy; having to meet new people and making new friends along the way (because your roommates in college couldn't stand those long, sleepless

nights while you played Halo Reach on your Xbox 360); having those feelings of love when you meet that special someone and say that—I get butterflies when we hang out every day—shows the strength of passion you have for that person; having to not do homework anymore but instead being able to file your bosses paperwork (or in your own words, the boss's homework) while he goes on his special meetings (golfing); having the privilege to pay your own car insurance and car payments (though you can never drive anywhere because a full tank of gas costs as much as your books for all those four years at college once did, you're left

riding that red and black bike you got in seventh grade to help make up for it); having to take a look at your life after college can be both exciting and scary (did I mean exciting, I got to remember to take that out) and the things besides falling in love, being independent (means no you to clean finding that can lead to one that you will always cherish within the next years to come; paying back those school loans.



By Jelaina Jones

While on a nice leisurely trail ride through Gettysburg, my horse spooked and took off with me across the battlefield until coming to a wooden covered bridge he swerved and ran full tilt down the steep and crumbling bank and into the creek then bounded up the bank only to find a white painted picket fence which

he proceeded to soar over by gathering up his muscles and springing over it like a rabbit, galloping on down the road with me hanging on by clinging to his neck as he raced on toward a large fallen tree which lay prostrate across the road which he barreled over like he was being chased by demons and proceeded onward at a rapid pace until he came to a muddy spot in the trail, and with no choice but to go

through it, he continued forward sinking down to his hocks and struggling on until he was free of the muck, at which point he sprinted on until, upon losing both of my stirrups, I fell to the ground with a resounding thud at which time my horse halted, turned and looked at me with an expression that said clearly, "Wasn't that fun?"

By Mary Gownley

In ten volumes I will have finished Cyrus the Great, the longest novel in the world; in 24,906 miles I will have traveled the circumference of the world; with 14,001 partners I will have had more sex than porn star John Holmes; in 140 characters I will have fulfilled my quota for a post on Twitter; with 12 fingers and 13 toes I will have more digits than young Indian boy Vedandra Harne; when I

am 123 years old I will have lived longer than World Record old lady Jeanne Clement; after eating 69 hot dogs in one sitting I will have won Nathan's Famous Hot Dog Eating contest and broken Joey Chestnut's world record; with a time of 6:64 seconds I will have solved a Rubik's Cube faster than Fe-lick Zemdeg; with 114 singles on the Billboard Hot 100 chart I will have more

hits than the Glee Cast; with a net worth of 75 billion dollars, I would be richer than Carlos Slim Helo, the richest man in the world; in banging 8 gram rocks I will be more of a "rock star from Mars" than Charlie Sheen; and with an IQ of 140, I will have achieved Mensa status; but in 206 words, I will have finished the longest sentence I have ever written, and that is what counts!

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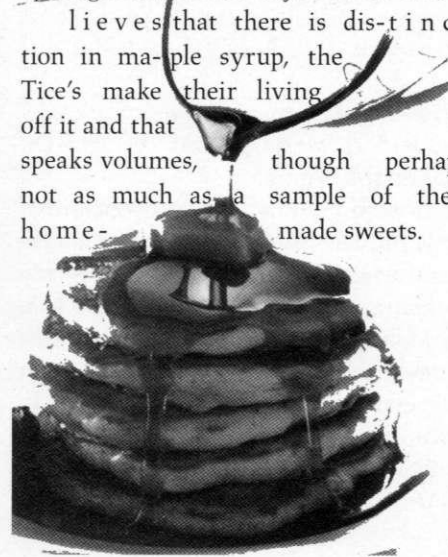
By Derek Witucki

Maple syrup—that's right, the stuff people pour onto their pancakes—probably isn't something most people think much of, just go to the store and grabbing whatever bottle comes in the coolest shape, but those people are missing out because what they are buying is mostly corn syrup and doesn't have the same quality and flavor of the real syrup from Pennsylvania maple trees that people like Jim and Dora Tice have been making locally for over thirty years at their farm ten minutes east of Mansfield, where they produce maple-based products like maple candy, maple cotton candy, maple cream, maple crumb, maple cookies and

brownies, and of course, maple syrup—all of which is made from sap that the Tice's collect themselves and distill in a large evaporator, at a 40:1 ratio, into pure maple syrup—and they showcased all of this, their products and process, to the public this weekend for Tioga County's open house on maple producers and boy is it not an easy process because syrup production not only takes 40 gallons of sap to make one gallon of syrup, but also requires just the right type of sap that can only be gathered at certain times of year, between February and April when the days are cool and the nights below freezing, and those conditions allow the maple trees to make sap that has enough sweetness without the bitter taste that

accompanies the growth of buds in the springtime, so for anyone who disbe-

lieves that there is dis-tinc-tion in ma-ple syrup, the Tice's make their living off it and that speaks volumes, though perhaps not as much as a sample of their home-made sweets.



By Ashley Wray

Kelly is not one of those typical egotistical 'New York women' when it comes to working because she also likes to focus on the real importance of life and because of this outlook that she can make a better life for herself by having the mindset of 'you only live once, so you might as well have a good time' in addition to being devoted to her job-

she is in actuality, a creative and ambitious woman from New York who breaks the stereotype and is eager to learn new things and work hard to in turn get a top position on the corporate ladder but have fun at the same time and it is because of this that she was able make enough money to travel the world and continue her research for her career in other countries - but not onl does she do research abroad, she enjoys herself at restraunts,

bars, social events, etc, for all purposes such as making new friends as well as networking for buisness, yes that's right, Kelly from New York is a new breed of woman who knows how to have a good time but also manages to get involved with her neighborhood, charities, clinics, and shelters and this is the kind of woman that I aspire to be.



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Laughter, Ladies, and Launius: One Professor's Battle for the Betterment of Mansfield's Women

By Jelaina Jones

"Professor Launius was one of a kind," Dr. Robert Maris said of the late Dr. Margaret Launius.

Though I did not have the pleasure of knowing Dr. Launius personally, I have come to realize what an extraordinary woman she was, and how her time here at Mansfield University and on earth touched the lives of students, faculty, and women for the better. It is unfortunate to have lost such a brilliant and respected individual.

Dr. Margaret Launius, former professor of Psychology, passed away in December, 2010, after battling cancer for several years.

"We were both diagnosed within a month of each other," Maris said. Maris serves as the Chair of Biology. "We would often talk about how our chemo treatments were going. She can never be replaced."

Throughout her 21 years as a professor at Mansfield University, it is clear that Dr. Launius

was more than just a professor. A mentor and a friend, as well as an advocate for the protection and betterment of women, Dr. Margaret Launius was truly a unique individual and a woman to be admired.

"She was a highly respected model and mentor to women," Dr. Judith Sornberger, friend and colleague of Dr. Launius said.

Dr. Sornberger met Dr. Launius when they were hired by the University. Both were mentored by Dr. Sandra Linck, who was associate provost and a "...very rowdy woman. From her example, we learned that it was totally appropriate to be our regular rowdy selves," Sornberger said with a reminiscent smile.

Dr. Launius was more than just a professor of Psychology. She went above

and beyond the realm of her profession to help the plight of abused or suffering women. She was active in establishing the Women's Center on campus and believed that victims of assault, sexual abuse and rape needed a place where they could feel safe and be accepted without question.

Dr. Launius worked hard to begin a women's studies program on campus, and she was able to organize and participate in Take Back the Night marches on campus. These marches were a way to bring women's issues of abuse, assault and rape to light and to make the world a safer place for women.

Dr. Launius was vocal on the Women's Study Steering Committee, which oversees the women's studies program. She was also a member of the President's Commission on the Status of Women, which is made up of faculty, staff and students and was an integral part in the inauguration of a Women's center on campus.

Dr. Launius conducted a survey on sexual violence across campus, which revealed some important truths about the number of acts of sexual violence that went unnoticed and unreported on Mansfield's Campus.

"Rape and sexual assault does happen at Mansfield," Courtney Swendson, a member of the REACT (Rape Educators And ConTacts) team and Women's Center volunteer, said.

In honor of Dr. Launius's accomplishments and dedication to women, her profession and to Mansfield University, the Women's Center was re-named the Margaret Launius Women's Center.

"Dr. Launius was a great advocate for women's issues throughout her tenure at Mansfield University. She was one of the first people on campus to come up with

the idea that such a space was needed," Dusty Zeyn, head of the newly rededicated Women's Center said.

"Dr. Launius expected a great deal from her students; she held them to a high standard," Dr. Sornberger said.

Jessica Lohmann, a senior Psychology student, is one of many students who's life was touched by Dr. Launius.

"She was a constant source of strength and support in my life," Lohmann said. "She was always there to talk when you needed someone to talk to."

As Lohmann reminisced, it was obvious how much Dr. Launius influenced her life. "It was because of Dr. Launius that I decided to become a Psychology major," Lohmann said. "I am grateful for that every day."

Dr. Launius continued to teach despite her failing health. "She worked at being healthy," Sornberger said. "She was determined to live her life fully while she was alive."

Sitting there with Dr. Sornberger, listening to her speak about Dr. Launius and the times they shared, I realized the depth of their friendship. Tears welled up in Dr. Sornberger's eyes as she struggled to answer my last question: "What is the most important thing you have learned from Dr. Launius?" Her response was simple. "She taught me to take myself

both seriously and lightly" Sornberger said.

Take ourselves seriously, and lightly. A simple statement based on the actions and life of a vivacious and respected individual are words of wisdom I believe should be words we should all live by.

"Dr. Launius was a highly respected model and mentor to women."

"She told me never to present myself weaker than I am."

"From her example, we learned it was appropriate to be our rowdy selves."

Sports Director Steve McCloskey says Mansfield University offers great opportunity

By David VanLoon

For a quarter century, Steve McCloskey has been a staple in Mansfield University Athletics.

Currently the Director of Athletic Operations and Information, McCloskey has been a self-proclaimed "Mansfield guy" since he first came to the area as a student in 1971.

McCloskey spent his early years in the Danville area, where his father worked as a high school teacher and long-time basketball coach. The long-time Danville High school teacher and basketball coach was a local icon, and the namesake for the school's gymnasium, the Whitey McCloskey Center. "I always enjoyed writing and promotions," McCloskey said. "I got that from my dad. He was a great promoter, besides being an outstanding coach."

McCloskey first came to Mansfield in 1971 as a pilot student. The pilot program allowed first year students to attend Mansfield during the summer after high school graduation and then take the fall semester. They would return to campus in January for the spring semester after spaces open following December graduation.

"Mansfield was packed in those days, and it was a lot of fun to come here," McCloskey said. Struggling to adjust to life as a college student, he left school three times. He opened a bar with his brother in Florida at one point but returned to Mansfield after realizing that bartending "the world's greatest job" wasn't everything he thought it would be. "I still missed Florida though," McCloskey said. "I would drive down almost every weekend. I'd leave Thursday and come back on Tuesday and go to class all day on Wednesday. It was probably an 18 hour drive, but when you're 21 or 22 years old, you're a knucklehead. You're driven by forces you cannot control."

Leaving school again, McCloskey returned to the sunshine state full-time, and was hired as the Captain of the park rangers patrolling the beaches and parks of Saratoga County on Florida's Gulf Coast. "They hired 13 of us," McCloskey said. "I graded out on top and they made

me Captain, so that shows you how bad off we were."

McCloskey left the park rangers after a couple of years for a more lucrative position with McDonald's Corporation and would later join Wendy's Corporation after taking a year off spending much of his free time sailing.

In 1987 he received a phone call that his mother had been killed in an accident. "She had just been down to see me 6 weeks before because I had always kidded her that she never came to see anyone unless they had children and I was a committed bachelor," McCloskey said. "When I took her to the airport she said, 'I can see you're not really happy living this way. Why don't you think about going back to school?'"

McCloskey remembers of that faithful day. "I told her I would think about it and kissed her good-bye never know that would be the final time I would see my mother."

McCloskey moved back to Danville to be with his father. Determine to honor his mother's request, he applied at nearby Bloomsburg University for the following semester, but was told he would not be able to be admitted as a full-time student for at least a year.

"I wasn't a very dedicated student in the 70s," McCloskey lamented. "And I was paying for those past mistakes when I tried to get back into school."

McCloskey decided to see if Mansfield would take him back and visited campus early in the late in the summer of 1987. At Mansfield he met with then Director of Admission John Apalnap and explained his situation.

"John was tough but fair," McCloskey remembers. "He looked at my transcript and wondered why I had never been dismissed from Mansfield. He said he would need some time to figure things out and went and talked to the provost in my behalf."

McCloskey spent the rest of that afternoon walking up and down the Turkey Path at the Grand Canyon, thinking.

He returned to the Admissions office and Apalnap had some good news and some bad news. The good news was that Mansfield would be willing to give him

one last chance but it wouldn't be easy and it would be expensive.

He could return to school but he would have to retake all the classes he had failed or gotten D's in to get his cumulative average up to a satisfactory level – there would be no more chances.

Relieved and rejuvenated, McCloskey commuted 90 miles one way for the entire semester and not only passed but posted 3.8.

In 1988 a part-time opportunity opened as the Sports Information Director, and McCloskey, who had still not graduated, was selected for the position.

What followed was a career that touched the lives of many. "The death of my mother is still one of the greatest tragedies of my life, but because of that, the best things of my life have occurred. I came here, got my degree, got a job here, and met my wife,"

"The reason I've been able to enjoy any kind of success professional or personally is because of the support of my wife Pam. For the past 19 years she's been the key to everything – just another example of what Mansfield University has given me."

Over the past 24 years McCloskey has considered Mansfield his home. "I had opportunities to go other places, but I am a Mansfield guy," McCloskey said. "Mansfield was built for people like me. I always associate Mansfield with opportunity. You can be anything you want to be here."

Despite his personal accomplishments and individual awards, McCloskey is most proud of the students that have filtered through his office over the years.

"I've had hundreds of students that have worked for me over the years, and you get close to many of them while they're here. That's the part I'll miss the most when it comes time to retire," McCloskey said.

"It's just another example of the opportunity you can find here. The heart and soul of Mansfield hasn't changed for 150 years. The kids that come here today are the same kids that came here when I first started in 1971. They come from the same backgrounds with the same hopes. Our core mission is still the same."

Change: a students perspective

By Andrew Maksymowich

Students of Mansfield are taking the advice of Mahatma Gandhi, by being the change they wish to see in the world.

According to *Progress.org*, Gandhi went on hunger strikes, was imprisoned, and was assassinated because he wanted change. He died for change. What is 'change' for the students of Mansfield?

"Change is Life," Alyssa Pagano said. Pagano, a dual Journalism and Public Relations major, is a Co-editor of the Flashlight, Mansfield University's newspaper.

"Change means being able to do something differently and being able to stick with that difference in your routine or schedule for a long time," Matt Firestine said. Firestine is a junior History Major at Mansfield University.

"Change is the restructuring of resources to better utilize all components in jeopardy of change," Andee Dunham said. Dunham serves as the Administrative Assistant for the Student Activities Office (SAO) at Mansfield University. "Change is positive."

"Change means bettering yourself, working at what needs to be improved and working to obtain it," Mark Rosen-

baum said. Rosenbaum is a senior Music Major at Mansfield University and an active member of Alpha Kappa Lambda. "When I think of change, I think of Play-dough. You take something and work to make it into what you want by molding and forming it to your desired shape," Rosenbaum said.

"Change is something different," Patrick Habermas said. Habermas is a junior Psychology Major at Mansfield University. "Change is something to do or to perceive things in a different way."

"Change is bettering ones self for improvement of their life," Jessica Riley said, Medical Science Major at Mansfield University.

It is clear that everyone has a different perception of what change is, but they can all agree on one thing.

"Change has made me the man I am today," Rosenbaum said.

"Constant change has developed me as an individual by helping me face challenges and learn how to work through those challenges to become a strong person," Dunham said.

"Change is what makes me who I am today. We are always changing," Habermas said.

"I have been affected both positively and negatively by change, but overall I think change makes a better person. It was meant to happen," Riley said.

"I've become more mature due to change as well as more personable than I used to be in high school and even my freshman year here at college," Firestine said.

Jon Doud, Criminal Justice Major at Mansfield University, said this, "Change can be good or bad. It could be planned or unexpected, but either way you just have to adjust and go along with it no matter what."

"Change is a huge part of everyone's lives right now," Pagano said. "Not only are major changes occurring in Mansfield, but around the world. Gas prices are rising, obesity is climbing, and practically everything is done via the Internet now. I don't remember the last time someone called me on the telephone," Pagano said.

Everything is changing.

"Some people don't realize that change occurs outside of their bubble, but it does. Change is everywhere. It's affecting everyone," Pagano said.

Not only are we changing, but the weather is, too

By Caitlin George

Climate change is with us. We see it in disappearing Arctic ice and permafrost, deadly storms and floods, disappearing glaciers, forest fires, fatal heat waves, tree rings, and bubbles trapped in ice.

Climatologists reporting for the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change say we are seeing global warming caused by human activities and there are growing fears of feedbacks that will accelerate this warming.

Melting glaciers and precipitation are causing some rivers to overflow, while evaporation is emptying others. Some crops grow faster while others see yields slashed by disease and drought. Strong hurricanes are becoming more frequent and destructive. Warming is said to be bringing these changes.

In this passing year, the weather has undoubtedly been out of control. In January there were mud slides just outside of Rio de Janeiro. Officials said the area hit by slides had seen 26 centimeters of rain fall in less than 24 hours. The death toll reached just over 500. Just a few days later on the other side of the globe floods ripped through Australia leaving around 20,000 people with their homes flooded. Sri Lanka had 325,000 people displaced by flooding and at least 27 people died. The most recent natural disaster occurred in Tohoku, Japan. The earthquake was one of the biggest recorded, measuring 9 on the richter scale, but the 23 foot tsunami that followed caused most of the destruction. The current death toll is at 13,498, with 14,734 others still missing.

Is global warming to blame for the recent weather mania? Richard Somerville

who did an interview with ABC believes so. "If left unchecked, climate warming will continue so the things that we're having hints of now, foretastes of now, will come stronger," Somerville said. Somerville is a climate scientist at the University of California at San Diego and author of "The Forgiving Air: Understanding Environmental Change."

The Environmental Defense Fund said that global warming has caused the Earth to warm up approximately 1 degree Fahrenheit over the last century. "If one degree doesn't sound like a lot, consider this: the difference in global average temperatures between modern times and the last ice age—when much of Canada and the northern U.S. were covered with thick ice sheets—was only about 9 degrees Fahrenheit," a spokesperson for EDF.org said.